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1. IN LETTER TO ENGLISH- LANGUAGE TIMES OF MALTA COMMENTING ON COD WAR, UN ADVISER AT INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE, ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, S. J. HOLT SAID THAT WHILE THERE ARE FISH-ERY AGREEMENTS WORKING MORE OR LESS SUCCESSFULLY IN NORTH AND SOUTH ATLANTIC, NORTH, TROPICAL AND SOUTH PACIFIC, WORLD SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH ALMOST TOTAL LACK INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN MEDITERRANEAN FISHERIES. MEDITERRANEAN OFTEN REGARDED AS RELATIVE DESERT AND INDEED ANNUAL CATCH OF ABOUT ONE MILLION METRIC TONS COMPARES UNFAVORABLY WITH 10 MILLION TONS FROM NORTHEAST ATLANTIC AND 10 MILLION TON CATCH BY PERU ALONE. IF UNCLASSIFIED

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ONE LOOKS AT VALUE OF LANDED CATCH, ALMOST ALL OF WHICH IS FOR DIRECT HUMAN CONSUMPTION, PICTURE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENCE. ANNUAL VALUE OF MEDITERRANEAN CATCH IS OVER FIVE HUNDRED MILLION US DOLLARS (1969) AND EXCEEDS VALUE OF PERU' S CATCH AND THAT FROM GRAND BANKS AND REST OF NORTHWESTERN ATLANTIC. MOREOVER MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES CONSUME 9 PERCENT OF WORLD FISH PRODUCTION.

2. OVER HALF ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN CATCH TAKEN FROM CENTRAL AREA BY FOUR COUNTRIES, ITALY, LIBYA, TUNISIA, AND MALTA, WHICH ON INITIATIVE GOM NOW DISCUSSING MUTUAL COOPERATION ON MATTERS CONCERNING SEA BED, MARINE POLLUTION AND FISHERIES. HOLT EXPRESSED HOPE GOM SUGGESTIONS WHICH EMERGED FROM THIRD PACEM IN MARIBUS CONFERENCE LAST JUNE FOR A STANDING COUNCIL OF MEDITERRANEAN STATES TO DEAL WITH ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING USE OF THE SEA AND ITS RESOURCES WILL BE FOLLOWED UP ACTIVELY. HE NOTED FOURTH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN MALTA NEXT MONTH (JUNE 23-26). GETZ

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